

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application. Claim 13 has been amended; and claims 1-12 and 23-26 have been canceled. No claims been added. Therefore, claims 13, 15-17, 20, and 31 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection

Bausch, et al.

Claims 1-12 and 23-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bausch, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,191,546).

Since claims 1-12 and 23-26 have been canceled, the Examiner's rejection of these claims is moot.

Bausch, et al. in view of Chang, et al.

Claims 13, 15-16 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bausch, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,191,546) in view of Chang, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,111,667).

Since claim 14, which has been indicated as allowable, has been rewritten in independent form as claim 13, Applicant submits that claim 13 is now allowable. Furthermore, since claims 15, 16, and 19 depend from claim 13, and therefore inherit the limitations of allowable claim 13, claims 15, 16, and 19 are also believed to be allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that the allowability of claim 19 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Chang. However, since claim 19 now depends from allowable claim 13 (i.e., claim 14 independently rewritten) it is believed that claim 19 is now allowable.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 20 is allowable, and that claims 14, 17, and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claims 14, 17, and 31 depend from claim 13, and therefore inherit the limitations of allowable claim 13, claims 14, 17, and 31 are also believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to initiate an interview with the undersigned by calling 949-498-0601 if the Examiner believes that such an interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 to cover any necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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Respectfully submitted,

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